

FASTER**For the Joy**

January 12, 2020

FASTER • James 1:2-4 • Message 2

ELEMENTS • PRAY • JANUARY QUICK RESULTS • TWO FORWARD NONE BACK BY STOPPING ALTOGETHER?
 REVIEW SETTling FOR SHORTCUT → GOD HAS SOMETHING BETTER →

To accelerate your growth, **FAST** and **PRAY**.

SAYING NO TO SOMETHING TO SAY YES TO SOMETHING BETTER.

ILL: \$1000 FOR NO PHONE/WEEK • FOR NO FOOD/DAY • FOR NO AIR FOR 10 MINUTES ?? NO ONE?

God is my Air:

In every aspect of my life, God comes first. His Word is my only authority. His Son is my only Salvation. His glory is my greatest desire. I give him the first of my every opportunity.

BUT THAT \$1000 ILLUSTRATES SOMETHING ELSE... DOING SOMETHING HARD FOR SOMETHING GREAT!

ILL: VIDEO GAME • 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-17 • HEBREWS 12:2

I'll say "No" to my **CURRENT** me,

so I can say "Yes" to God's **FUTURE** me.

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BOTH NIV AND NLT • SOUNDS LIKE EXERCISE, BUT I DO THIS ALL THE TIME • DARK CASTLE GAME
 LOSING WEIGHT? GETTING HEALTHY? GROWING SPIRITUALLY? • SAME • DO I WANT THE FUTURE ME?

Jeremiah 29:11-13

VERSE 11... READ THE REST... DOES THAT SOUND LIKE SOMETHING YOU WANT?
 I SAY NO TO CURRENT ME TO SAY YES TO GOD'S FUTURE FOR ME!

Take it Home

Say Yes to Three Things

FAST Spiritual **DISCIPLINE**

2 TIMOTHY 2:15 • PSALM 1
 STUDY • WORSHIP • PRAYING • GIVING • LIVING

FAST **HARDSHIP** Receptivity

HEBREWS 12:7, 11

STICK IT OUT • YOU WILL GET BAD NEWS • YOU WILL GET HURT FEELINGS • YOU WILL GET DISAPPOINTED

FAST **UNCERTAIN** Opportunities

PHILIP AND THE CHARIOT • PETER AND CORNELIUS • BARNABAS FOR PAUL • TROAS NOT EPHEBUS
 MATTHEW 4:18-19

I am God's Earth:

God is creating me. I started as dust, but I'm becoming like Jesus. I rejoice in trials and hardships because Christ suffered for me, and I am a living sacrifice transformed by the truths of God.

FASTING IS SAYING AN INTENTIONAL "NO" TO SOMETHING.
 PRAYER IS SAYING AN INTENTIONAL "YES" TO GOD.

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News & Events at LCC and in our Community!

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Hope Chapel Outreach • Today

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Vision Dinner • Saturday, January 25 • 6-8:30pm

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